The Marcophily of Hudson, New York, 1793 - 1919

Named to commemorate Henry Hudson's first landing on the shores of the upper river, Hudson became the first chartered city in independent America.
By 1786, with a population of about 1500, Hudson had several wharves, four large warehouses, shops, barns and a distillery. The presence of twenty- five sea-going vessels made Hudson a major port that included a thriving whaling industry.
To meet the burgeoning population's need for reliable mail service, the Hudson Post Office came into being on June 12, 1792.

The purpose of this exhibit is to trace the evolution of the various postmarks and postal markings (and their combinations) used in Hudson beginning in 1793, the earliest such markings are known:

Straight Line Postmark: 'Hudson,' 25 x 4mm with comma. Typeset.
Earliest Recorded Use
'AVG' 29, 1793. '1 oz' Pre-paid 50-cents
Four times the rate due to enclosures,
Single sheet rate 12-1/2-cents, 100 - 150 miles (Act of February 20, 1792).